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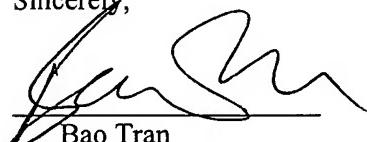


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PETITION FOR ACCELERATED EXAMINATION

1. Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to make special examination accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i).
2. Attached is a Declaration by Dr. Xin Wen in support of accelerated examination.
3. A search has been performed by the European Patent Office for the parent application serial no. 09/436,704, the results of which are being provided in this application.
4. Dr. Wen also has good knowledge of the pertinent prior art and as of the execution date, copies of the closest known prior art are enclosed herewith.
5. Applicant requests an early allowance of the claims.

Sincerely,



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